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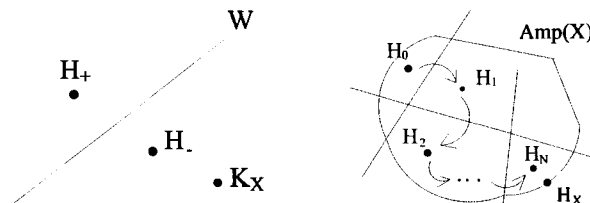
Let  $H$  be an ample line bundle on a non-singular projective surface  $X$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Denote by  $M(H)$  the coarse moduli scheme of rank-two  $H$ -stable sheaves on  $X$  with Chern classes  $(r, c_1, c_2)$ . We shall consider birational aspects of the problem how  $M(H)$  changes as  $H$  varies. See arXiv:0811.3522 for details.

There is a union of hyperplanes  $W \subset \text{Amp}(X)$  called  $(c_1, c_2)$ -walls in the ample cone  $\text{Amp}(X)$  such that  $M(H)$  changes only when  $H$  passes through walls. Let  $H$  and  $H_+$  be ample line bundles separated by just one wall  $W$ , and  $H_0 = tH + (1-t)H_+$  lie in  $W$ . (More exactly, we also consider parabolic stability.) For simplicity we assume that  $M_{\pm}$  are compact, that is valid if  $c_1 = 0$  and  $c_2$  is odd for example. Denote  $M_{\pm} = M(H_{\pm})$  and  $M_0 = M(H_0)$ . There are natural morphisms  $f_- : M_- \rightarrow M_0$  and  $f_+ : M_+ \rightarrow M_0$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a birational proper morphism such that  $K_X$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier and  $-K_X$  is  $f$ -ample, and that the codimension of the exceptional set  $\text{Ex}(f)$  of  $f$  is more than 1. We say a birational proper morphism  $f_+ : X_+ \rightarrow Y$  is a *flip* of  $f$  if (1)  $K_{X_+}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier, (2)  $K_{X_+}$  is  $f_+$ -ample and (3) the codimension of the exceptional set  $\text{Ex}(f_+)$  is more than 1.

**Theorem 0.1.** Assume  $c_2$  is sufficiently large. Suppose  $K_X$  does not lie in the wall  $W$  separating  $H$  and  $H_+$ , and that  $K_X$  and  $H$  lie in the same connected components of  $\text{NS}(X)_{\mathbb{R}} \setminus W$ . (See the left figure below.) Then the birational map

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} M_+ & \xrightarrow{\quad} & M \\ & \searrow f_- & \swarrow f_+ \\ & M_0 & \end{array}$$

is a flip.



Suppose  $M(H)$  is compact, and let us observe this theorem in case where  $X$  is minimal and  $\kappa(X) \geq 1$ . There is an ample line bundle  $H_X$  such that no wall of type  $(c_1, c_2)$  divides  $K_X$  and  $H_X$ . When  $H \in \{(1-t)H_0 + tK_X | t \in [0, 1]\}$  starts from a polarization  $H_0$  and gets closer to  $K_X$ , one gets a finite sequence of flips

$$M(H = H_0) \cdots > M(H_1) \cdots > M(H_N = H_X),$$

which terminates in  $M(H_X)$ . (See the right figure above.) It is known that the canonical divisor of  $M(H_X)$  is nef. Thus one can regard this “natural” process described in a moduli-theoretic way as an analogy of minimal model program of  $M(H)$ , although it is unknown whether  $M(H_X)$  admits only terminal singularities.